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Dear Friend

In October, House and Senate negotiators reached a compromise on a bill that would create a new system for managing the nation's intelligence system and implement a long list of policies recommended by the 9/11 Commission. This is an historic agreement that will, among other things, create a new national intelligence director with strong budgetary authority to oversee the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies. Unfortunately, the majority was unable to reach an agreement within their party

The House is reconvening on Monday December 6th and I believe it is paramount that this bill receives consideration. The President, who has publicly stated his support for the bill, must put the full pressure of his office on the Speaker to bring the legislation to the floor. If an agreement cannot be reached by both the Senate and the House before adjourning for the year, the bill will have to be reintroduced during the 109th Congress. This will require that it go through the entire legislative process yet again. The time to act is now.

Congress and the White House must focus our efforts on securing our homeland and closing the enormous gaps in our intelligence system as recommended unanimously by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission. Intelligence modernization and reform is necessary to keep America safe.

Please [click](#) here for more information on this development.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you have found the information useful.

Very truly yours,

Tom Udall